

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Claim 1 (Original)** A coating finishing method comprising coating a water-based under coating material (I) on a surface of a metal substrate or an old coated face of a metal substrate and then coating on a coated surface thereof, a water-based coating material (II) comprising a water-based fatty acid-modified acryl resin as a base resin component, wherein the above water-based coating material (II) contains a pigment in a pigment volume concentration falling in a range of 5 to 45%, and the above water-based fatty acid-modified acryl resin has a form of a fine particle having an average particle diameter falling in a range of 50 to 500 nm.

**Claim 2 (Original)** The method as described in claim 1, wherein the water-based under coating material (I) contains a phosphoric acid base pigment.

**Claim 3 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the water based fatty acid-modified acryl resin is a resin comprising a structural unit derived from a fatty acid (a), an epoxy group-containing polymerizable unsaturated monomer (b), an acid group-containing polymerizable unsaturated monomer (c), a polymerizable unsaturated monomer (d) having an alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms and the other polymerizable unsaturated monomer (e).

**Claim 4 (Original)** The method as described in claim 3, wherein the polymerizable unsaturated monomer (d) having an alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms contains a polymerizable unsaturated monomer having a linear or branched hydrocarbon group having 6 or more carbon atoms.

**Claim 5 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein the polymerizable unsaturated monomer (d) having an alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms contains a polymerizable unsaturated monomer having a cycloalkyl group.

**Claim 6 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~ claim 3, wherein the other polymerizable unsaturated monomer (e) contains a carbonyl group-containing polymerizable unsaturated monomer and/or a vinyl aromatic compound.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the water-based coating material (II) further contains a hydrazine derivative.

**Claim 8 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the water-based coating material (II) further contains at least one compound selected from the group consisting of nitrites, phytates, tannates, phosphates and polyamine compounds.

**Claim 9 (Currently Amended)** The method as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the water-based coating material (II) forms a coating film having a water vapor permeability of  $400 \text{ g/m}^2 \cdot 24 \text{ hr}$  or less.

**Claim 10 (Currently Amended)** A coated article which is coated and finished by the method as described in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1.